

GOV. SMITH IS GREATLY IMPROVED; ATTENDS SYRACUSE STATE FAIR

Cancels Speech Illness Follows Minor Operation

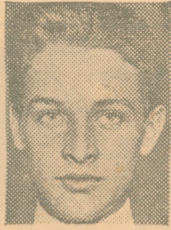
Special Dispatch to The GRAPHIC

SYRACUSE, Sept. 2.—Governor Alfred E. Smith, who has been suffering from a slight illness following a minor operation, was so much improved this afternoon that he was able to fill an engagement to attend the state fair. He did not make an address, however.

A member of the governor's party, stopping at the Onondaga Hotel, told the GRAPHIC that the executive had spent a restful night and if possible will speak to the great crowd assembled on the fair grounds. Final decision on his appearance there will not be made until later in the day.

Suffered Pains

Suffering from the effects of his second minor operation in a week, Gov. Smith complained of pains in his back, from which a mole had



Mrs. A. E. Smith A. E. Smith, Jr.

been removed, throughout the journey to this city from Albany. As soon as he reached the hotel he retired and physicians were sent for.

One of his first steps was to send his regrets to Jerome D. Barnum, publisher, host at the annual "Farm Dinner," at which the governor was to have spoken last night. This function is attended every year by the leading agriculturists of the state.

Later he acceded to the requests of newspaper men for an interview, during the course of which he remarked:—

Showed Good Faith

"I should not have come to Syracuse at all, but I wanted to show my good faith with the Fair Committee. I will do as much as I am able."

On his arrival here the governor was met by his son, Alfred E. Smith, Jr., and Chief of Police Martin L. Cadin.

Governor at His Desk



STRICKEN IN SYRACUSE, where he went yesterday to attend the annual state fair, Gov. Al Smith today was reported improved. Above is the governor, photographed recently in his office at Albany.

\$130,000 Diamond Hold-Up Reported by New Yorker

CHICAGO, Sept. 2 (By U. P.).—Norman Kadison, New York jewelry salesman, reported to police today that he had been held up in a prominent Loop hotel and robbed of \$130,000 in uncut diamonds.

EX-CONVICT, EJECTED, FIRES AT PICNICKERS

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., Sept. 2 (By U. P.).—James Sisto resented being asked to resign from the Savoy Club here because he had been sentenced to five years in Sing Sing for manslaughter in New York.

When he was recently released he came back to Bridgeport to attend the annual picnic of the club at Columbus Park. When the committee asked him to leave he fired at the crowd of merry-makers. No one was injured.

Two young bandits were waiting in the hotel room when he returned from the office where he had obtained the diamonds from the safe, Kadison told police.

Tied to Bed, He Says

After obtaining the jewels the bandits bound Kadison to the bed and escaped, he reported.

He said he was a salesman for his brother, Lazarus P. Kadison, of the jewelry company at 1650 Broadway, New York.

Lazarus P. Kadison, head of the jewelry company which bears his name, confirmed today reports that his brother, Norman, had been robbed of diamonds valued at approximately \$130,000 in Chicago, but was unable to furnish details. The gems, he declared, were fully covered by insurance.

\$2,000,000 Flood Loss in Illinois

GALESBURG, ILL., Sept. 2 (By U. P.).—Central Illinois and Iowa today were in the grip of a \$2,000,000 flood which swept the area after torrential rains.

Galesburg and Peoria reported \$1,000,000 damage each. At Galesburg the yards of two railroads, light and power companies and the city water works were under water. Five hundred families were homeless. The city was without fire protection.

ORDER ARSENAL REPAIRS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (By U. P.).—The Navy Department today awarded the contract of repairing standing buildings at the Lake Denmark, N. J., arsenal, scene of the explosion in July, to Waldeman-Mortensen, Inc., of New York.

Stevens's Alibi Check-Up Delayed by Simpson for New Eye Witness Inquiry

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Sept. 2.—Apparently postponing until tomorrow his trip to Toms River for "the further questioning of witnesses" who support the fishing alibi of Henry Stevens, Special Prosecutor Simpson arrived here from Jersey City shortly after 2 o'clock for the announced purpose of "checking up on a number of details" with Inspector John Underwood, his chief investigator.

Underwood had previously announced that his detectives were engaged in investigating information contained in a letter written by a man in New York, who said that he and a man from Brooklyn talked with a third man, a resident of New Brunswick, who claimed to have been at the murder scene when the double killing with which Mrs. Hall, her brother, Willie Stevens, and her cousin,

Taggart's Threat Forces Removal of Name From Novel

Threat of Tom Taggart, former United States senator, thrice



Edna Ferber

mayor of Indianapolis, and owner of French Lick Springs, to sue Doubleday Page & Co., unless they removed a reference to him from Edna Ferber's latest novel, "Show Boat," brought prompt action from the publishing house today.

Another name was substituted for that of the Western political leader in an incident which occurs on page 303 of the novel in which Taggart is portrayed as a professional gambler.

While 135,000 copies of the book are already on sale none issued in the future will contain Taggart's name, which, Nelson Doubleday, vice-president of the company, announced today is "not vital to the story."

Miss Ferber refused to comment on the incident.

GIRL SCOUTS AT SESQUI

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2 (By U. P.).—Hundreds of Girl Scouts from Eastern cities thronged the Sesqui-centennial grounds in observance of "Girl Scout Day."



Alexander Simpson



Willie Stevens

Henry Carpenter, are charged took place.

All three men will be questioned today, according to Underwood.

The special prosecutor spoke with some elation of the result of the questioning of witnesses for Henry Stevens's alibi yesterday, and seemed to regard as important announced discrepancies in their stories.

"We have made a hole in his alibi," he declared. "Two of the witnesses contradict each other."

HE FORGED MEDALS OF KNIGHTS, COPS SAY

NAPLES, Sept. 2 (By U. P.).—Dr. Nicola Venturi was arrested today on charges of forging Italian knighthood decorations. He is alleged to have planned to dispose of them to Italians living in the United States.

Americans Driven Insane By Hooch, Says Dry Chief

CHICAGO, Sept. 2 (By U. P.).—American liquor drinkers are going insane and have no one to blame but themselves, E. C. Yellowley, Federal prohibition director for this district, said today.

"People are consuming dynamite highballs, which come in bottles with fancy labels, and these are leading to insanity, blindness and death," the prohibition director said.

"The cheap moonshine handled by the smaller bootleggers is less dangerous than the so-called genuine liquor. People might as well mix ether with ginger ale and call it rye, rum, whisky or any other name the bootleggers call their stuff." Yellowley ordered samples an-

alyzed from a large liquor haul. The liquors labeled "Bacardi Rum," "Scotch Whisky," "Canadian Rye" and "Old Kentucky Bourbon," were found to contain quantities of the following:—

Pyritine wood alcohol, benzol, kerosene, nitro-benzo, pine oil, ether and orto-nitro toluol.

CHOICE HIJACKED LIQUOR SEIZED WITH SCHOONER

MIAMI, FLA., Sept. 2 (By U. P.).—Loaded with choice Havana liquors believed to have been hijacked from Nassau and Gun Cay rum runners, a two-masted schooner was captured by a Coast Guard cutter early today.

Accused Man Denies Guilt, Falls Dead in Courtroom

Michael Ohlstein, 38, motion picture machine operator, whose home was at 16 Vernon Ave., Brooklyn, died of heart disease in Gates Avenue Court, Brooklyn, today. He had been summoned to answer a charge of disorderly conduct made by Mrs. Martha Nichols, a neighbor, who alleged he called her vile names.

Ohlstein had denied the charge. When Mrs. Nichols was testifying he suddenly collapsed in his chair.

Walter Tilly and John McCahill, court attendants, carried him out to a corridor. Ohlstein was dead when Dr. Sheppard arrived from St. John's Hospital. His wife, Mrs. Gussie Ohlstein, who was in court with their three children, was assisted from the courtroom after she had become hysterical.

THE WEATHER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1926.



U. S. WEATHER BUREAU				
LOCAL—Cloudy, with probably showers and cooler tonight; Friday fair; fresh east to northeast winds.				
EASTERN NEW YORK—Cloudy to partly cloudy tonight and Friday; possibly showers on the coast tonight and in southern portion; fresh east and northeast winds.				
Hour.	Temp.	Weather.	Barom.	Wind.
Midnight..	68	Clear	29.94	SW.
2 a. m...	66	Pt. cloudy	29.93	SW.
4 a. m...	65	Cloudy	29.92	SW.
6 a. m...	67	Raining	29.91	SW.
8 a. m...	67	Raining	29.92	SW.
10 a. m...	69	Raining	29.93	SW.

Clearing House

(Official figures)

Exchanges	\$1,047,000,000
Balances	81,000,000
Credit balance	68,000,000